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AND

PROGRAM

Logan County

IN

Sesqui-Centennial
COMMEMORATING
GENERAL BENJAMIN A. LOGAN'S
CAMPAIGN OF 1786

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Logan County Sesqui-Centennial

Logan County Sesqui-Centennial in commemoration of General Benjamin A. Logan Campaign of 1786.

The whole hearted support of large numbers of the citizens of Bellefontaine, the neighboring towns and the county at large has made this celebration possible. We should like to give credit to all those whom credit is due, but it is impossible to publish a complete list. We wish to assure all persons who have in any way contributed, that their efforts are appreciated, and we wish to thank one and all for their part and assistance in this great historical celebration.

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Friendship Day
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

6 P. M. Kiddies Koast Races

8 P. M. All-Community Sing

10. P. M. Community Dance

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 All County Day At Fair Grounds 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

8:15 P. M. Historical Indian Pageants
The Marriage of Isaac Zane and the
Indian Princess Myeerah
The Legend of the Squaw Rock
Kenton Meets Tecumsah at Old Town

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Story Of Zane And Myeerah Pageant

Isaac Zane came from old Quaker stock, the Zanes coming over with Wm. Penn. He was the youngest of a family of five children and a sister of Betty Zane the heroine of Ft. Henry.

While returning from school with his brother Jonathan they were captured by a band of Wyandots and carried to Detroit. After a time Jonathan was ransomed and returned to his people, but the Head Chief Tarhe in whose family he had been adopted refused to accept a ransom for Isaac and he remained a captive in the camps of the Indians, and in the home of the chieftain. At the time he was captured he was nine years of age, and in the home he was taken was a daughter of 5 years, and so these grew to manhood and womanhood together. There are many stories as to the romances of Isaac Zane and the Indian Princess Myeerah.

PAGEANT

The Marriage of Isaac Zane and the Indian Princess Myeerah, daughter of Tarhe.

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Myee	rah		Nellie Tennant
			Charles Watkins
Isaac	Zane		Millard Downing
Chief	Crow	***************************************	Herman Downing
Chief	Corn	***************************************	Earl Jamison
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Chief	Kill the Deer		Kenneth Marquis
	Braves	Squaws	Children

Written and directed by Wm. G. Halley of Zanesfield, O.

The Legend Of The Squaw Rock

History Of Pageant

Overlooking the valley of the Mac-a-cheek valley and near the location of the Indian village of the same name, stands a large rock known as the Squaw Rock. Around this bolder are woven a number of legends. The one connected with Gen. Logans campaign of 1786 is given in pageant by the West Liberty people.

While the Indian village Mac-a-cheek was being destroyed by Logan, one of his rangers saw an Indian crouching behind this rock. Thinking it was a brave as they had been instructed to spare only the women and children he fired and then ran up to the rock. As he approached his victim he saw his great mistake. Instead of a warrior he had shot and killed a beautiful young squaw, the mother of a bright faced babe that lay by her side.

From her captured people he learned why she was hiding behind the rock. The dead suitor was a Princess, the daughter of a great war chief. Many suitors came to her fathers wigwam to lay claim to her hand, but the one she loved did not find favor with the haughty chief, so she met her lover secretly. The Squaw rock was the meeting place for the lovers. After the death of her father in battle she became the squaw of the young chief. The custom continued for the young wife to be at the stone to meet him when returning from war or trail. During the battle they had become separated and she had run to the stone expecting him to meet her there. When the slaver saw the child and the dead mother he was filled with remorse. He buried the mother at the foot of the rock and took the babe to his home. Years past and these the Indian spent in playing with a pretty little daughter of the household. When both reached maturity the old time friendship grew into love. Unfortunately for the Indian a white lover also sought the hand of the young woman. The girl had much difficulty in deciding between the two lovers. Since public sentiment condemned the marriage with the red man, pride caused her to choose the boy of her race.

The night following the wedding the young bride and groom were found murdered, and the foster brother had disappeared never to return. About 20 years after the destruction of the village of Mac-a-cheek a lone hunter in his meanderings passing through the then deserted village came upon a form of a person lying across a little mound at the base of the rock. Upon investigating he found

the form, although dressed in white in part like a white man was that of an Indian youth, who in appearance had died by the act of his own hand. Knowing that some great sorrow had come into the life of the young brave or he would not of come to this lonely spot to end his life, the hunter prepared a grave beside that which he took to be another and here he placed the body of the youth to moulder into dust as his spirit had taken flight to the Indians happy hunting grounds.

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The Meeting Of Kenton And Tecumseh

In October 1781 Cornwallis surrendered to Washington at Yorktown and Peace was soon restored along the Border; not so in the Western Country.

In the Ohio Country, war continued twelve more years, and not until the defeat of the Indians at the Battle of Falling Timber did the tribes bow to their conquerors and sign a peace treaty that ended the Indian Wars. There was one great Indian Chief, Tecumseh, who, though conquered was not subdued and would not sign the Treaty of Greenville which deprived the Indians of most of their Ohio hunting grounds. He denied the rights of the White Man west of the Ohio and claimed it was a treaty of force, not justice. He rededicated his life to the cause of his people and spent years trying to get the tribes to join together to drive the White Man back.

During the winter of 1805 and 1806, Tecumseh with about fivor six hundred painted Indians appeared at the Indian village that stood just below the present De Graff in preparation for an uprising against the frontiersmen that were then making settlement in this section. The people became so alarmed at the Indian's hostile activities that a number of men, headed by Simon Kenton, went to this village to learn of their intentions. The courage and boldness of Kenton had such an effect upon the Indians that Tecumseh was compelled to give up, at this time, one of his first movements to regain from the Whites their Ohio hunting grounds.

Tecumseh died during the War of 1812, in the battle of the Thames, fought between the Americans on one side, and the Indians, led by Tecumseh, and the British on the other side, broken-hearted because of his failure to accomplish his heart's desire.

From bits of History gathered here and there of the things that

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happened at the Indian Village and along the Mad River Valley, the writer has tried in an imaginary way to reproduce, in pageant, the scenes that took place in the Stony Creek Valley during the trying days of the early pioneers.

It was the Autumn of 1805. The morning sun stood some hours above the horizon and shed it's peaceful rays into the fertile valleys of the Miami and Stony Creek. Midway between the dancing waters of the Creek and the foothills stood the Indian Village of Old Town.

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Simon Kenton	H. B. Rush
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Charles McIlvain	John Roby
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Mathew Elliott	John Kinnan
Simon Girty	
Alexander McKee	Miller Hamsher
Tecumseh	
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History Of The Pageant Indian Days In Early Logan County

7:30 P. M.

The landing of the Jamestown Colonists in 1607 began the expansion of the Whites on the lands of the Red Man. This was at first slow, but before the breaking out of the American Revolution the tribesmen had been driven Westward with the Ohio River becoming, in a measure, the dividing wall between the two Races. The Red Man had been given to understand that the Ohio Country was to be their hunting grounds and it was not to be molested. As early as 1769 the Zanes, McCollochs, Boones and Kentons were advancing across the Alleghanies by footpath and down the Ohio River to make their homes in the West. The Indian dimly foresaw the ultimate consequences of their migration. He realized that his hunting grounds were being endangered and in a savage way he resented it. He came, he scalped and stole away to repeat his work at another time. The motives that impelled the Indian to his terrible acts were revenge for savage outrages and to drive the Settler back. The American Revolution in the West was a struggle against the advance of the land grabbers. The Red Man thought they need have

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no fear from the Pale Face across the Big Waters, so when the War broke out, the British had little difficulty in securing their aid.

The Second Episode of the Pageant depicts the activities of the Ohio Tribes in their Shawnee center, Wapatomica, under the influence of the British. To assist in these war activities were a number of American Tories. These men turned traitor to their country and joined the British. Among the most noted were the Girty brothers, Alexander McKee and Matthew Elliott; men schooled in Indian life, some of whom had been captives or traders among the Indians and were men of ability as leaders and organizers among the Tribes. In 1778 McKee, who was imprisoned at Fort Pitt for his Tory activities, made his escape and joined the British at Detroit. Here he was given employment as Captain and Indian Agent and was sent among the Shawnees then living in what is now known as Logan County. Near the center of the surrounding Indian towns, Mac-acheek, Pigeon, Blue Jacket's Town and Zanes Town, he established the British-Indian headquarters in Ohio, about three miles south of the present Bellefontaine. It became known as McKee's Town, where munitions of War and provisions were distributed and scalps bought. It became the rendezvous center for the British renegades working

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among the tribes, and by their activities the Indian Shawnee Capitol, Wapatomica, which lay about two miles east, became the most important Indian center during the American Revolution. The year 1782 was called the Bloody Year of the War in the West. The British had lost all hope of victory along the Coast, but they hoped to retain what is known as the Northwest Territory, and were inciting the Ohio Tribes to action by telling them the Americans had been defeated by the British and they were going to come and drive the Indians out of the Ohio Country, and there establish their government.

To stop the war-path activities endangering the whole frontier, the American Army, under the command of Col. Crawford, had been sent against the Indian center at Upper Sandusky. To meet this advance all the Tribes had been notified and the British Army under the command of Wm. Caldwell, had been dispatched from Detroit. The victory of the British and Indians at Upper Sandusky so encouraged them that activities were began at once to carry the War all along the Border. Caldwell and his Rangers were ordered to the Shawnee center, Wapatomica, where the Tribes were ordered to meet

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for council. The outcome of this Council was the bloody battle of Blue Licks and the siege of Fort Henry, in which Betty Zane made her famous run for powder. This was the last battle of the Revolution, but activities in the West did not stop with the Peace Treaty. Not until the defeat of the Indians at the Battle of Falling Timbers in 1794 and the signing of the Greenville Treaty, did peace reign in the West. Logan's Campaign was in retaliation against the Shawnee Tribes of Logan County. Most of the Tribes had signed Treaties and in a measure were keeping them, but the Shawnee, through the influence of the British Agents, continued their Frontier Warfare along the Border.

PROGRAM EPISODE 1—OPENING REVIEW

Introduction Gen. Benjamin A. Logan and Staff Captain William A. Caldwell and Staff. Noted Indian Chiefs and Prominent Characters

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EPISODE II—Camp Life In the Shawnee Indian Village, Wapatomica. Time June 1782.

The following are depicted:

Indian Games and Sports

Morning Worship by the Great Sachem

Sachem Tells the Legends of the Tribe

Return of the Tribes from the War Path

The Execution of the American Captives, Major McClellan and Lieutenants Harrison and Crawford

Arrival of British Renegades

Arrival of the Seven Tribes for a General Council

Running the Gauntlet, by Captives

Tribesmen Ride Out to Meet Caldwell and His Rangers

Arrival of the British Army

Indians Honor Their British Guest, with Dances, Songs and Stunts Council of the Seven Nations

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Wapatomica in 1786 Camp Life

Arrival of the British Seeking Continued friendship of the Tribe

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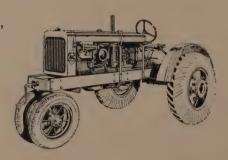
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The Prophetess Sees the Destruction of the Village The Peace Pipe Ceremony

EPISODE IV-The Campaign of Gen. Logan.

Indian Fugitives Announce the Destruction of Mac-a-cheek Scalping Party Sent Out General Engagement Indians Routed by Logan Army Grand Finale

CAST

Indian Heights, 2:30 P. M., Thursday, August 27, 1936
Gen. Logan's Campaign and Wapatomica During the Revolution.
O. K. REAMS, Director

General Benjamin A. Logan Col. Robert Patterson	Don Mumford
Col. Robert Patterson	Glen Drummond
Col. Thomas Kennedy	Laurence Milligan
Col Robert Trotter	Robert Durringer
Capt. William Caldwell	Glen Lazar
Lieut. Turney	Chester Miller
Captain Brandt	Herald Emerson
Captain Grant	Paul Startzman
Lieut. Briggs	Glen Hill
Simon KentonAlexander McKee	Woodrow Shrader
Alexander McKee	Don Ginn
Mathew Elliott	Ernest Leard
Simon Girty	Grant McCormick
Geo. Girty	Robert McCormick
James Girty	Clay Cupp
Sorceress—Shawnee Tribe	Mrs. Gebby
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